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Great Incohonee's Message

To the Members of All Branches of Our Order Everywhere — Greetings:

As this is being written the year of G.S.D. 476 (1967) is fading into history with a new year of hope for success just ahead. The end of this year also marks fifteen moons of the twenty-four moons in my term of office, as well as the end of the period for which my incumbency is chargeable, yet, we must wait for nine more moons before the raising of my successor.

During the period since assuming office I have visited thirty Reservation Great Councils at their sessions as well as attending twelve tribal, three councils and fifteen joint meetings in all parts of this Great Reservation. This does not include the dedication of the "Hall of Patriots Chapel of our Fathers" at Freedoms Foundation nor two visitations to the "Red Men's Day at Alexandria" services and participation in the wreath ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers at Arlington Cemetery. Nor does this record include visitations made to various Tribes, Councils and joint sessions in my own Reservation of California.

To give you the impressions gained from all this trailing would fill a book, therefore, I shall try to give you some of the highlights obtained from these various visitations. To say that I have found, everywhere, an active, harmonious and yet vibrant organization would, on its face be an untruth.

It is regretted that in almost no Great Council did I hear any progressive discussion with regard to the advancement of the Order membership wise. Almost every one is waiting for "George to do it" or expects the Great Council of the United States to come up with a *miracle*.

In all too many of the Great Councils the Past Great Chiefs seem to refuse to give up the Tomahawk of authority, thus discouraging the newly qualified Past Sachems or Past Pocahontases from attending their Great Council sessions. This is indicated by the fact that the members taking the Great Council degree is *most minimal*. While I would regret a Past Great Sachem or a Past Great Pocahontas refusing to lend a leading hand to the presiding Great Chiefs, I do not like to countenance the Past Great Chiefs forcing their will, right or wrong, upon the presiding Great Chiefs in any Great Council. Just as many tribes and councils are shy of membership material suitable for stump and desk chiefs so the Great Councils are suffering from a similar lack.

In several Great Councils it was my observation that sympathy and not ability governed the election of a line Great Chief particularly in the traditional First Chieftancy of Great Minnehaha or Great Junior Sagamore. It goes without saying that such selections are not made with any consideration toward the best interest of the Order.

To recite but one instance of the activity of the use of Past Great Pocahontases in the Great Council, one Great Council used Past Greats as committee members with the total exclusion of all others. This practice necessitated appointing the Past Greats on several committees. It is pleasing to know that the incoming Great Pocahontas at the session I attended did give consideration to the appointment of lay members on committees and all committees now consist of one or more members who are not Past Greats. In some Great Councils it was necessary to caution the membership that members of the Board of Appeals

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could not serve the Great Council in any other capacity.

As previously indicated very little constructive activity was observed in most Great Councils but this is not to say that the social affairs, without exception, were most pleasant. The manner in which my wife, Pearl, and I were received, in every instance, was most outstanding.

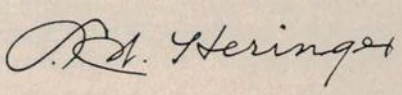
While I am cognizant of some criticism of my practice of attending Degree Great Councils as well as Tribal Great Councils, the irregularities observed in many visitations and the cautions as well as the corrections necessarily given, have convinced me that the practice of using Representatives for Great Councils sessions instead of at least one visitation to each Great Council on the part of the Great Incohonee is adverse to the best interest of our Order in many ways.

I must express my deep appreciation to the many Past Greats, Great Chiefs and lay members everywhere who have expressed, to both Pearl and myself, their grateful acceptance of our efforts to be of help in properly directing their procedures as well as correcting their errors and mistakes.

As the credit for the activities beginning with the new Great Sun inure to the benefit of my successor, may I ask for your continued support to him even greater than the support given to me during the past Moons of my serving.

In closing, for Pearl and myself, may we extend to all our members whither so ever dispersed our very sincere wishes for a pleasant and successful new Great Sun ahead.

Sincerely and Fraternally in F.F. & C.,



Larry W. Heringer, Great Incohonee

FLAG HOLIDAYS

Remember the forthcoming FLAG Holidays and display your Flag as a proud American and a member of this Patriotic Order.

Feb. 12—LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY
Feb. 22—WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY
April 14—EASTER SUNDAY
May 12—MOTHER'S DAY
May 19—ARMED FORCES DAY
May 30—MEMORIAL DAY

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

(Answers to Questions on Page 7)

(1) The Great Council of the United States DOES NOT set the dates of the Reservation Great Councils. This is the prerogative of the individual Great Councils. These dates can be changed by amending the Reservation's General Laws.

(2) Sec. 3-3.02 of the General Laws gives full details in regards to bonds. The blanket bond is secured at a very low price and makes it mandatory that ALL Tribes and Councils be covered. The annual premium of $5.00 is a small price to pay for guaranteed security, even for those small Tribes and Councils with limited wampum belts.

(3) Sessions of the Great Council of the United States are planned four years in advance. In Buffalo, New York (1966) Baltimore, Maryland was elected as the site for the 1970 Great Council Sessions.

(4) Sec. 6-1.05 of the General Laws of the G.C.U.S. states in part: A subordinate branch shall never consist of less than seven members and shall kindle its council fire at least once a moon. However, may we caution you here that the General Laws of your own Reservation probably call for two or more council fires each month and in this situation, the General Laws of your Reservation would be binding.

(5) Sec. 5-6.03 of the General Laws of the G.C.U.S. states "Each Great Council may levy per capita taxes for the economical administration of its business." Therefore the per capita taxes of various Reservations vary depending on need. Each Reservation levies its own per capita rate, voted upon by its own voting membership, thus per capita taxes will vary from Reservation to Reservation.

(6) For the answer to this question, we will refer you to the General Laws of the G.C.U.S. Sec. 5-3.16 — "All Great Councils shall enact laws prohibiting subordinate branches of the Order under their jurisdiction from having, keeping, or permitting to be kept intoxicating liquors or beverages in the council chamber." Sec. 7-1.05 — "The use of vinous, spiritous or malt liquors as a beverage in the Council Chamber of the Tribe by the members thereof is strictly prohibited. Clubrooms may be maintained by the Tribes. Any member of the Tribe violating this section shall upon conviction, be suspended or expelled, and any Tribe violating this section shall have its charter suspended or revoked. The legal definition of "Council Chamber" as referred herein shall be construed to be that part of a building or structure, used by the Tribe to hold regularly constituted councils, or meetings, and then only from the time the council fire is kindled until the council fire is quenched."

WE SALUTE THE EDITORS

COMMUNICATION is the link between our membership. We congratulate the many EDITORS who issue bulletins and newsletters in the interests of their Tribes and Councils and for the benefit of this fraternity. We list herein just a few: Kentucky Red Men News, Tamal Speaking Leaf (Calif.), Council Fire News (Ohio), Tar Heel Indian (N.C.), G.C. of New Jersey News, Tuscarora Red Men News (N.Y.), Mosholu 523 (N.Y.), Wisps of Smoke (Calif.), Red Men Tribal News (Ohio), Rochester Red Men News (N.Y.), Hoosier Smoke Signals (Ind.), Wigwam Wispers (N.Y.), Eastern Shore News (Md.), Tom-Tom (Calif.).

THANKS One and All. We will list more in the next issue.

THE INDIAN'S PRAYER

(This is a prayer of an humble Indian who loved his God. His name, Chief Yellow Lark. It is said to be his New Year's Prayer.)

O Great Spirit, whose voice I hear in the winds, and whose breath gives life to all the world, hear me. I come before you, one of your many children, I am small and weak. I need your strength and wisdom.

Let me walk in beauty and may my eyes behold the red and purple sunset.

Make my hands respect the things that you have made, my ears be sharp to hear your voice. Make me wise, so that I may know the things you have taught my people, the lesson you have hidden in every leaf and rock.

I seek strength not to be superior to my brothers but to be able to fight my greatest enemy; myself. Make me ever ready to come to you with clean hands and a straight eye, so that when life fades as the fading sunset, my spirit may come to you without shame.

O Great Spirit, Maker of Men, forbid that I judge any man, until I have Walked two moons in his moccasins.

This article courtesy of Chaplain Dow Heard, D.D., Houston, Texas.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

One of our nation's truly GREAT AMERICANS was adopted into this Order on October 20, 1967 via Honorary Life Membership accorded him by the unanimous vote of the Board of Great Chiefs of the G.C.U.S. This is only the second time such an honor has been given in the 202 year history of the Order. The only other recipient being President Theodore Roosevelt, who was adopted during a special ceremony held at the White House.

We are indeed honored to welcome Rev. Frederick Brown Harris, Chaplain of the United States Senate, into the Improved Order of Red Men. Space does not permit us to go into detail, listing the accomplishments of this illustrious American. He is the current Chaplain of the United States Senate and has held this post for more than twenty-two years. Dedicated to the American Way of Life, it was a natural that he should be selected as Chaplain of the Freedoms Foundation Center at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. It was here, during the dedication of the FAITH OF OUR FATHERS CHAPEL, that many of our members met the Rev. Frederick Brown Harris and learned of his lifelong dedication to Americanism and Patriotism.

The photograph herein shows Larry Heringer, Great Incohonee, congratulating Rev. Harris, who is holding the special citation presented him at the adoption ceremony. The brief but ritualistic ceremony, presided over by Edward L. Keyser, Great Senior Sagamore, took place in the Chaplain's office in the United States Senate, and was witnessed by Rev. Harris' numerous friends and secretaries of various U. S. Senators. Representing our Order were Great Incohonee Larry Heringer, accompanied by his wife Pearl; Edward L. Keyser, G.S.S.; Carl R. Lemke, G.C.R.; William E. Farrenkopf, P.G.I.; and Marvin Hudson, P.G.S.

Our entire Order welcomes this GREAT AMERICAN into the oldest of American Fraternities, the Improved Order of Red Men.

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25 October 1967

Dear Mr. Keyser:

I want to thank you, and the entire IMPROVED ORDER OF RED MEN, again, for the outstanding honor you have bestowed upon me in awarding me a LIFE MEMBERSHIP in this renowned organization.

The service here in my Senate office, when a committee of your RED MEN presented this honorary award, was one of the most touching experiences I have had for a long, long time! I am so very grateful to you all and so proud that I am really one of such an historical organization which has done so much for "Freedom, Friendship and Charity" across the long years.

With warm regards and every good wish always and all ways, I am

Yours ever,
Frederick Brown Harris

A SALUTE

We are proud of our members, especially those whom distinguish themselves and bring honor to our Order. Therefore we extend congratulations to Brother Eugene Stegar, who was recently named Fireman of the Month in the city of Rochester, New York. While taking his son to school (on his day off) he noticed smoke coming from the attic window of a home on his street. He stopped his car, rushed to the home, where he had to break in the door to arouse the occupants of the house. He helped children out the window and is credited with saving at least six lives. We are certain that he deserved the citation and the honors he received. Brother Stegar, we too are proud of you, for truly your heroism is a credit to the Patriots of old who founded this fraternity.

HALL OF PATRIOTS

Are you proud of your part, or the part your Tribe or Council has played in the construction of the FAITH OF OUR FATHERS CHAPEL at Freedoms Foundation Center at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania? DID YOU PARTICIPATE 100%? The cornerstone of this beautiful chapel tells the story to hundreds of thousands of visiting Americans annually, by the simple inscription: A NATIONAL PATRIOTIC PROJECT OF THE IMPROVED ORDER OF RED MEN and THE DEGREE OF POCAHONTAS, Organized 1765, INSPIRED DONORS OF THE CHAPEL NAVE.

Yes, this is OUR building, completed and open to the public who visit the Freedoms Foundation Center in increasing numbers. We ALL should be proud of the part we have played in the successful culmination of this project that will publicize our Order for years to come and help to keep alive, for posterity, the AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE.

We thought the year 1967 would close out this project, complete and final. For all practical purposes we have done just that. The CHAPEL is finished and open to the public. However, contributions slowed down, and our books carry a balance due of sixteen hundred dollars. In a way this is fortunate because it still gives those who have not made a contribution, an opportunity to do so. You still have a chance to participate by sending in a dollar as an individual, or a contribution in any amount from your Tribe or Council. When this small outstanding balance of $1,600 is met, our books will be closed, participation ended. This is your final opportunity to be a part of our heritage! SEND YOUR CONTRIBUTION — NOW.

The following list of contributions have been received since the last issue of the magazine and have been added to the HONOR ROLL.

HONOR ROLL

Pequannock Council No. 111—Indiana
Indian Princess Council No. 152—New Jersey
Indianaola Council No. 472—Indiana
Pilchuck Tribe No. 42—Washington
Minnehaha Tribe No. 23—Delaware
Chief Seattle Tribe No. 25—Washington
Mendota Council No. 24—Minnesota
Leola Council No. 1—Ohio
Erie Etta Council No. 426—Indiana
Onawa Council No. 38—Virginia
Minnedosa Council No. 250—California
Owatonna Council No. 17—Ohio
Ah-We-Na-Sa Council U.D.—California

HALL OF PATRIOTS SUPERSCRIBERS

Enola Council No. 22	Ohio	200%
Cherokee Tribe No. 4	Delaware	200%

Dear Brother Lemke:

Attached you will find a donation, in the amount of $50.00, from Ah-We-Na-Sa Council U.D., Gardena, California. This Council was instituted August 12, 1967, and has been in existence just four activity-filled months. However, when we received a communication at our last meeting to the effect that their pledge to Freedoms Foundation by the members of this Order had not yet been met, we considered it a privilege to add our contribution.

Thus, we have subscribed our names to that pledge that has made possible the erection of the Faith of Our Fathers Chapel. We know that you will award us the certificate of 100% participation but would also appreciate having our names inscribed with those Councils that were in existence long enough to have donated during the official building period.

With fraternal good wishes from all the members of Ah-We-Na-Sa Council, we are

Sincerely yours in Freedom, Friendship and Charity,
s / Esther Lovejoy, Keeper of Records

OFFICIAL HISTORY

Left to right: Agnes Dowling, Pocahontas; Margaret Nash, Principal.

Many Tribes and Councils are still donating the Official History of the Order to Libraries, Schools, and other public institutions. We regret that space permits us to list only a few such contributions in each issue. From sunny Florida, we have a picture showing the presentation of the Official History, by Silver Moon Council No. 37 of Miami, to Park View Elementary School for placement in the school library. The picture shows Agnes Dowling, Pocahontas, making the presentation to Margaret Nash, principal of the school. Sister Nash is also the Keeper of Records of the Council.

From Choctaw Council No. 52 of Hannibal, Missouri comes a story and newspaper photo of another history presentation. We regret that the newspaper photo could not be reproduced. The presentation was made by Nettie Elliott, Pocahontas, on behalf of the Council, and was accepted by Rosemary Bousman, assistant librarian, on behalf of the Hannibal public library.

A limited supply of these Official Histories of the Improved Order of Red Men and Degree of Pocahontas are still available. When this supply is exhausted, no more will be available for years to come. Why not make sure that you are the proud possessor of one of these history books, which may soon become heirlooms within our Order. Order NOW, from your own Great Chief or Great Keeper of Records. If not available there, place your order directly with Carl R. Lemke, G.C.R., Box 683, Waco, Texas 76703.

HAIL YOUNG AMERICA

Many Great Chiefs of the Reservation of Massachusetts trailed to the Wigwam of Wahpatuck Tribe No. 54 of Wakefield on November 30th to pay homage to a Wakefield High School Senior.

Paul Christopher had an idea; a rally to prove to our boys in Vietnam and all other outposts, that all of young America were not opposed to their efforts. Sunday, October 29th, after much advertising by our local papers, the fulfillment of Paul's idea was enjoyed by thousands. All fraternities were asked to parade to the beautiful Wakefield Common. The entire affair was one huge mass of young and old. American Flags were plentiful and waving in the breeze. The speakers represented the many service organizations, ministers of all faiths, and Massachusett's Gov. Volpe. Each and every one praised not only Paul but every person attending for their personal support of our fighting men. Only a few dissenters attended and they were immediately dispersed by the young people. In a few cases, the local police were required to save the culprits from physical harm.

On November 30th, the Great Chiefs of Massachusetts assumed the stumps of Wahpatuck Tribe and Paul Christopher was escorted before the Council Fire to be accorded the honor of "JUNIOR AMERICA." Great Sachem Harvey L. Dellinger welcomed Paul in the name of the Improved Order of Red Men, and stated "In view of the fact that your recent effort in the cause of Patriotism is in accord with our precepts of FREEDOM, FRIENDSHIP & CHARITY, we are honored to offer our commendation to YOU, one of Wakefield's outstanding young citizens." We know that you have already been honored in many ways, and we wish to add our small tribute to those you have already received. May we congratulate you on the stand you have taken, and on your loyalty to your Government, and to Your FLAG.

The RED MEN of Wakefield, Massachusetts were proud to have been the first fraternal organization to give this JUNIOR AMERICA citation. Our entire Order is also proud that a Young American like Paul Christopher has the courage to lead both young and old along the path of PATRIOTISM. May he be a shining example to us all.

LONGEVITY

Fifty Years of Service is indeed an enviable record. Few, if any, corporations, businesses, or agencies ever have employees or members who accomplish this record. It must indeed be a tribute to the principles of this Order that we have many who achieve this record. FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS of our Order are numerous. We owe them an obligation to carry on the precept that they have helped to foster, to see that this Order carries on, and that as most of them are now content to take it a little easy; to see that NEW MEMBERS are recruited to keep the Order solvent.

The Red Men and Pocahontas pride themselves that they "Give Honor to Whom Honor is Due." We depend on the individual Tribes and Councils to send us details on their members with long service records. Challenges have been made by various units that THEY have the oldest member. We are justly proud of the records of the following:

P.S. John J. Hussey of Cincinnati, Ohio has been a member for 65 years. P.S. Edwin N. Sanders of Samoset Tribe No. 22, Vallejo, California a member for 61 years. P.S. Ben I. Reed of Evansville, Indiana a member for 57 years and Keeper of Wampum of his Tribe for 49 years.

The Reservation of New York boasts of three members as follows: P.G.S. Charles Kamper, a member for 61 years. P.S. Frank Kaufman, a member for 67 years. P.S. Elmer Bresser, a member for 60 years.

From the Reservation of Massachusetts comes P. S. Clifton Abbott, of Madokawando Tribe No. 21, and a member for 67 years.

Wah-Wah-Tee Council No. 15 of Waco, Texas joins the parade of long-time active members with P.P. Rose Brown, 94 years young, and a member for 31 years. Sister Brown served on the degree team until ill health forced her retirement. She is now confined to a wheel chair, but this does not deter her from attending meetings of her Council. She is one of the outstanding contributors to the Hall of Patriots.

Past Pocahontas Pearl L. Smith, of Klipsan Council No. 46 of Long Beach, Washington, is 72 years of age. She has held membership for 27 years. Irregardless of her age, Sister Smith was the lone participant in the Loyalty Day Parade, in her city recently. Upon learning that the Red Men and Degree of Pocahontas were not being represented in this affair she donned her colorful Indian costume and marched two miles carrying the United States Flag in behalf of our beloved Order, thus displaying to all her loyalty and devotion to the cause of Freedom.

The members of the 19th century have created a record of achievement and patriotism that will stand as a monument to them and a challenge to every 20th century American.

Red Men and Pocahontas across the nation should be inspired by the record of the above Brothers and Sisters. In these days of the desecration of the principals of Patriotism by many segments of our society, our Order still stands staunch to the principles of our cardinal precepts — FREEDOM, FRIENDSHIP AND CHARITY.

In the May 1967 issue of this magazine, we carried a story on Longevity that to date, has not been beaten. William H. Thomas of An napolis, Maryland is we believe, our oldest living Red Man, both in length of service and age. Brother Thomas is 99 years old. He joined Chesapeake Tribe No. 32 on March 17, 1892, which makes him a 75 year member.

CAN ANYONE TOP 75 YEARS AS A MEMBER?

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

In this column we will endeavor to answer your questions concerning our Laws, Rituals, Programs, or any questions of general interest. Send your question to this magazine's editor.

(1) Why does the Great Council of the United States schedule so many Great Council Sessions in the month of October?

(2) Why cannot small Tribes and Councils with wampum of less than $500.00 be exempted from paying bond premiums?

(3) I know that the next sessions of the G.C.U.S. will be held in Richmond, Virginia but when will we know where the following sessions will be held?

(4) Is it legal to hold only one meeting per month?

(5) Why is it that Tribes in various Reservations pay different per capita tax? In my Reservation we pay a much higher tax than in a neighboring Reservation.

(6) Could you clarify this Order's position in reference to intoxicants and their use in the council chamber?

(Answers on Page 14)

103rd GREAT COUNCIL SESSIONS

We know that many of our members are already making plans to attend the 103rd Great Council Sessions of the G.C.U.S. to be held at Richmond, Virginia from September 22nd thru September 27th. Headquarters will be at the John Marshall Hotel. It is expected that we will have the largest attendance in recent years.

Advance registrations are NOW being accepted by P.G.P. Nettie White, 126 W. Lorengo Avenue, Norfolk, Virginia 23502. Advance registration can be accepted until September 1st at $15.00. After September 1st and at the Great Council Sessions, registration will be $17.50.

P.G.S. Raymond Oskey is Program Chairman and he urges all to get that souvenir ad in NOW. You who have worked on a program know how difficult it is when everyone waits until the last minute to send in ads. So get your ad in Now. Mail to P.G.S. Raymond Oskey, 231 Ruskin St., Danville, Va. 24541. Prices are the same as in previous years: $50.00 for full page; $30.00 for ½ page; $17.50 for ¼ page; $10.00 for ⅛ page; and $5.00 for individual or Tribal and Council ads. Remember, the success of a convention depends on the success of its souvenir journal.

The entire committee spearheaded by P.G.S. John H. Owen and P.G.P. Elizabeth Corbell, are hard at work setting up a program that will be interesting to everyone. An extensive all day tour is being planned for Wednesday, September 25th (our open day) but the evening will be open for your own activities. So Wednesday evening will be an excellent time for those Reservation dinners, private parties, or any special activity. P.G.S. E. L. (Pete) Corbell is a committee of one to handle reservations for committee rooms, function rooms, reception rooms, or any special occasion. It is imperative that you make these reservations early as such rooms and accommodations are limited.

If you need any special information or require any special services, don't hesitate to write to either the General Chairman or the General Co-chairman. (Gen. Chm.) P.G.S. John H. Owen, 196 Clement Ave., Danville, Virginia 24541. (Gen. Co-Chm.) P.G.P. Elizabeth Corbell, Box 1253, Wythe Br., Hampton, Virginia 23361.

We will have additional information for you in the next issue of this magazine in May. Hotel Reservation information and the complete schedule of events should be available.

REMEMBER, a new amendment to the Great Council General Laws will permit Past Sachems to attend these sessions for the first time, without a voice or vote. Any Past Sachem attending must be in possession of a paid-up dues receipt, the current password and explanation, and must present his past Sachem's certificate.

RETIREMENT

On February 1st, 1968 P.G.S. Ross F. Ames, who is Great Chief of Records of the Reservation of New York and President of the Rochester Red Men's Club, will retire from Eastman Kodak Company after 49½ years of employment with that company. We feel certain that this dedicated Red Man will use his retirement and the leisure time then available to the promotion of Redmanship. Congratulations Ross! May the Great Spirit keep you in good health and may your retirement years be memorable ones.

THE GREAT COUNCIL OF INDIANA PRESENTS

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FOR

GREAT JUNIOR SAGAMORE

GREAT COUNCIL OF

THE UNITED STATES

AT THE 103RD SESSION IN RICHMOND, VA., 1968

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OUR REPORTERS

We are grateful to those members who send us articles or news items suitable for printing in this magazine. Without them, there would be no news. May we invite you to be a REPORTER. Just send us items suitable for the next issue. Remember, we reserve the right to edit, rewrite, or even to scrap any article submitted so as to maintain the quality of this magazine. Our EDITORS for this issue are Norma D. Davis, Buelah Harrel, Matthew N. Schlitter, Paul W. Dols, Sr., William E. Farrenkopf, Gladys Wynne, Leon Grasby, Carl R. Lemke, Lon Robertson, Louis Boss, Larry W. Heringer, Fred Dearling, James O. Archer, Hilma L. Perry, Robert Abernathy, John Louis Muse, Ray Westcott, and John L. Howley. THANKS to one and all.

Our next issue will be May 1st, with a copy deadline of April 1st. Subscribe to YOUR magazine.

CHARITY

Left to right: Frank Armstrong, Great Sachem; Edwin Mervin, CCRC; Margie Kronnick, Great Pocahontas.

The California Degree of Pocahontas certainly believe in our concept — CHARITY. The many Councils in that Reservation devote considerable time to numerous charitable activities. However, the key charitable activity of this Reservation seems to be the Retarded Children's Program. Not to be outdone by the ladies, the Improved Order of Red Men have gallantly worked on this program also. The combined efforts of both branches of the Order resulted in a special award from the California Council for Retarded Children.

Our story dates back to August 20th but certainly is worthy of repitition here as an inspiration to other Reservations. On this date, Great Pocahontas Margie Kronnick and Great Sachem Frank Armstrong presented the California Council for Retarded Children with checks totaling $6,024.80 as a donation to the work of the Retarded Children. In accepting the checks for C.C.R.C. Mr. Ed Merwin, Director, expressed warm feelings and gratitude and thanked the Order for their interest in the Retarded Children's Program. He stated "This is a wonderful example of people helping people. Through the cooperation of the Degree of Pocahontas and the Improved Order of Red Men, we will be able to increase the tempo of our help to the Retarded Children".

> The Pocahontas and Red Men of California are to be congratulated on their wholehearted support of the CCRC and the hundreds of hours of voluntary effort in their communities. This is in keeping with the finest tradition of the American pioneer that "Those who are able, help those who are not."

At the 61st Great Council Sessions of the Degree of Pocahontas of the Reservation of Massachusetts, Great Pocahontas Hilma L. Perry presented to Mr. Jayme Rego, President of the Greater New Bedford Chapter of Retarded Children, a check for $1,733.00. This was the charity project she had selected for her term. This enabled the center to accept many more children to the school for the present term. Sister Perry stated "This shows that our precepts are being carried out. Let's try to keep them alive in our everyday lives."

> We know that the Reservation of North Carolina and several others are working on this same program in their Reservations. Why not send details to your editor so that we might write a complete story on just what our Order is doing to help the Retarded Children's Program on a national basis.

PARTICIPATION

Wanita Tribe No. 75 of the Improved Order of Red Men, Martins Ferry, Ohio has again set the pace for all tribes in the Reservation of Ohio in their participation on November 25th in the Martins Ferry SANTA CLAUS PARADE. This is the 7th annual parade and is sponsored by the town's Jaycees and Wanita Tribe has participated in every one.

The picture does not show the float but shows the car being driven by William DuJardin, Sachem of the Tribe, and sitting beside him is Ricky DuJardin. On the back seat Bessie Minger is waving at the crowd with James Minger at her right. Wanita Tribe has rapidly come from being the seventh, to the second largest Tribe in the Reservation. The Honorable John Laslo, Mayor, is an active member of the Tribe.

> This is definite proof that activities and participation in civic and community affairs can be responsible for the growth of a Tribe or Council.

READ AS YOU RUN

We mourn with the Reservation of Maryland the passing of P.G.P. Mary Hines and P.G.S. Troy Auvil . . . Congratulations to P.G.S. Frank Pisano who was the first recipient of the Sol Barach Memorial Award issued by Mosholu Tribe No. 523 of Bronx, N. Y.... Pennsylvania to honor its Great Sachem John Baumhauer on February 11th at a testimonial banquet held in Philadelphia . . . California's annual Orphans Ball again a big success. This annual Ball is held to give each orphan an additional fifty dollars at Christmas time. Thirty-five orphans are on California's relief benefits . . . The American Flag flown daily at the G.C.U.S. office in Waco, is a Flag that was flown over the United States Capitol . . . Choctaw Council No. 51 of Washington, North Carolina feted Great Pocahontas Elizabeth Barfield on November 10th at one of the most memorable occasions of the year . . . P.G.S. Charles Kamper (61 years a Red Man) recuperating at his home in Lockport, N. Y. He opened his door to a couple of young fellows at 10:45 p.m. and was badly beaten and robbed . . . P.G.S. (G.C.R.) John Pisecco of New Jersey recuperating at home after hospitalization . . . P.G.S. Louis T. Seegar of Pennsylvania answered the Call of the Great Spirit. Our condolences to his family and loved ones . . . P.G.S. Earle Robinson and P.G.S. Eugene Smith, both of the Reservation of New York, recuperating at home after hospitalization . . . We mourn with the Reservation of Ohio the passing of Dora L. Wolferst, Great Prophetess . . . P.G.I. William E. Farrenkopf again on the trail doing Field Service for the Committee on Promotional Development . . . On December 4th P.G.S. Charles Sanger of the Reservation of Kansas answered the call of the Great Spirit . . . P.G.S. Joel B. Nims of Toledo, Ohio confined to the hospital. We hope he is home by now and completely recovered . . . The Great Council of Massachusetts, I'mpd O.R.M. contributed $1,700 to the Braille Press . . . Tri-State meeting to be held in Middlesboro, Kentucky on Saturday, April 13th, Everyone Welcome . . . Past Great Sachem Wm. M. Ables of Texas passed away on December 15th. Our sympathy to the bereaved family . . . Elsie Taylor, wife of Past Great Incohonee Edmund P. Taylor, of Wallingford, Connecticut, became seriously ill while they were on a vacation cruise to South America. It was eight long days before they reached home again. She has shown some slight improvement since she was placed under the care of her family doctor. Our prayers are with you, Elsie.

ORPHAN SEALS

After a lapse of several years, a newly designed Red Men and Pocahontas Orphan Seal or Stamp, is now available. Price just $2.00 per thousand. This is your opportunity to raise money for your Tribe or Council. Each thousand stamps purchased at $2.00 can bring you a profit of $8.00. Place your Order through the office of the Great Chief of Records, Carl R. Lemke, P. O. Box 683, Waco, Texas 76703.

PATRIOTIC AWARDS

Left to right: J. Watson Sembower, Mayor of Uniontown, Pennsylvania; Charles M. Doak, Dist. Deputy Great Sachem of Pennsylvania.

Response to the Patriotic Awards Program of the C.O.P.D. is gaining momentum across the country as evidenced by increasing number of requests to the committee for FLAG FLYING CERTIFICATES to be presented to the individuals and organizations who fly the American Flag regularly.

These certificates, beautifully engrossed with each individual Flag exhibitor's name, are sent FREE to any Tribe or Council submitting list of names to Carl R. Lemke, G.C.R. These may then be presented to the individual or firm with an appropriate ceremony which can take the form of an individual presentation, coffee, open house or banquet. Invaluable publicity for your Tribe or Council and the Order may be gained from the news media with this program. In addition, each such recognition will encourage others to follow the example of the recipients and set up a renewal of Respect and Devotion for the Flag of our Country.

One outstanding example of the Patriotic Awards Program in action, is the project instituted by Charles M. Doak, District Deputy Great Sachem of Pennsylvania, in Uniontown, Pennsylvania. Brother Hoak started the project by presenting Uniontown's Mayor, J. Watson Sembower, with the first certificate for the city's participation in displaying the Flag on flag holidays. A story and photo of the presentation ran in the Uniontown Herald Standard with an invitation that names of Flag Flyers be submitted for recognition. Mayor Sembower said "It was a great honor to receive such a citation, and doubly so from such a Patriotic Order." Other comments from the patriotic citizens of Uniontown: "I have been flying my American Flag for over a year, it's the first thing I do when I get up; I am Proud of the Flag". "I am delighted that somebody is taking up the cause of our beautiful Flag, more power to you."

Lassawa Tribe No. 139 of E. Brookfield, Massachusetts recently celebrated PATRIOTS NIGHT, when 50 certificates were presented to townspeople for their patriotism in displaying Old Glory on patriotic holidays. Lassawa's Americanism Committee traveled through the town on Flag Holidays, noting those flying the Flag. Thus, the fifty certificates were presented on Patriots Night by Sachem Livermore of the Tribe at a Tribal ceremony that included refreshments and a program including a brief history of the Order and the Tribe by P.G.S. Henry Harper. This was followed by several short patriotic films. Lassawa Tribe is very proud of this Patriotic Awards Program. They feel that it has brought the Order and the local palefaces closer together. As a result of this program, SIX NEW MEMBERS were adopted.

> This is a program that can improve the public image of your Tribe or Council within your own community. It may even bring you NEW MEMBERS like it did for Lassawa Tribe. The certificates are FREE. The rest is up to YOU.

A STAFF REPORT

Periodically, we the staff of the Red Men Magazine bring our problems to you, the readers. We welcome and encourage items and photographs from our readers. We regret that some of the photographs that have been sent to us have been of poor quality and unsuitable for reproduction. To maintain a certain quality standard, we ask that all photographs be a glossy print, in black and white as color prints do not reproduce well. For clarity, we suggest that group pictures be limited to no more than three or four persons, as more in a group are indistinguishable in the small column of our magazine.

EDITORIAL

Let's Look Ahead in '68

Our past is behind us. The fact that this Order was founded in 1765 is an historical fact. At one time our membership totaled more than 519,000 members and nearly $2,000,000 in benefits were disbursed in one year. We were the LEADER among fraternal societies and many fraternal FIRSTS have been credited to us. Presidents, Governors and other influential citizens were numbered among our membership. Yes, we were on top, we WERE THE LEADER. PROGRESSION came to us naturally. Sick, death and orphan benefits made the community dependent upon us. Red Men were looked upon as leaders in their community. It was an honor to belong.

Let's take an unabashed look at ourselves today. In fact, let's take a critical look at ourselves. Let's look at our Order through the eyes of a paleface. LET'S FACE FACTS. Today, our membership is down to 75,000 members. Our Great Councils only exist in approximately half of the states. The membership in many Tribes and Councils have dwindled to the point where some only have the minimum legal requirement of seven members. Let's face facts that our membership declines every year. Many programs of the Order have been eliminated, we operate on an austerity budget and RETROGRESSION has been our lot year after year.

Today, we live in an affluent society. America has grown greater every year and we as a nation, are among the most powerful in the world. Today, people live better, live longer, make more, spend more, and half of all people in this country today are twenty-eight years or younger.

We had a great start. The founders of this Order were among the founders of this country. As the country grew and prospered, so did this Order. That is, to a certain point. Somewhere along the line we allowed retrogression to set in. We failed to keep step with progress. We failed to align ourselves with the affluent growth of the nation. We allowed newer organizations to step in and recruit the fraternal member. While they kept in step with progress by increasing dues, per capita taxes and benefits, we remained at a static level. Today, our financial structure reflects the 1930 era. Initiation fees and dues have remained static in many Tribes and Councils for many years, while the cost of living has doubled, tripled and more. Many citizens are not interested in affiliating with an organization with such low standards. So year after year we continue to go downward.

WHO IS TO BLAME? As we are an autonomous body (we govern ourselves) we can blame no one but ourselves. We simply have not kept up with the changing times. We must have the courage to appraise ourselves. We must realize that we are in a new generation, and we must adapt ourselves to changing conditions if we are to survive. We must make our Order attractive to the younger generation. There is the possibility that our entire structure, from top to bottom, should be overhauled. Let's reach out, explore new fields, and whatever we have to do, LET'S DO IT NOW!

LET'S LOOK AHEAD IN '68. Despite the frank criticism above, our Future is excellent. We have a hard core of trained and dedicated members in both branches of the Order. We must define where we are going, and then GO AHEAD. In the past several Great Suns groundwork has been laid for a SPIRIT OF RENEWAL that could bring results this year. WE call upon each and every member to RE-DEDICATE themselves to our precepts. We are still 75,000 STRONG. UNITED, we can go FORWARD. 1968 can be the year when our phenomenal growth begins, a growth that will carry us to the TOP, our rightful place in the fraternal life of AMERICA. Although we are not the biggest, we can still proudly say WE ARE THE BEST. So, let's make the BEST the BIGGEST!

INDIAN WELFARE

The American Indian Assistance Council is very appreciative of the very fine response to their plea of help for poverty stricken Indians. The severe winter has made it necessary to send another appeal. Clothing, food and blankets are especially needed. Send to the Mission of your choice. You can secure names from Great Chief of Records, Carl R. Lemke, P. O. Box 683, Waco, Texas 76703.

Individuals desiring to make small contributions may send $2.00 to American Indian Assistance Council, 7433 Quartz Avenue, Canoga Park, California 91306. In return, you will receive two ball point pens, with combination letter-opener, ruler and magnifying glass. Your entire contribution will be used for the purchase of foods and drugs.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Left to right: John Miniaci, Great Sachem; William E. Farrenkopf, P.G.I.; Clara Gibson, Great Pocahontas.

Achievement awards are available for any Tribe, Council or Individual Member who performs an outstanding act or deed beneficial to the Order. Numerous of these coveted awards have been issued the past several years. There are no hard and fast set of rules to abide by. Each of the Achievement Awards are judged on their individual merit or accomplishment.

The most recent awards were presented to the Reservation of California for their fund raising campaign to aid the Retarded Children. For this they were cited by the California Council for Retarded Children, and a story and picture of this citation appears elsewhere in this issue. For their outstanding effort in raising more than six thousand dollars for this worthy cause, and for the resulting publicity and credit given this Order, Achievement Awards were presented at a recent ceremony presided over by P.G.I. William E. Farrenkopf. Great Sachem John Miniaci and Great Pocahontas Clara Gibson accepted these awards on behalf of the Great Councils of California.

Nominations for Achievement Awards should be sent to P.G.I. William E. Farrenkopf, 4 Edna Court, Kentfield, Calif. 94904.

FROM VIETNAM

Dear Mr. Neary:

I'm so darn proud of everyone in the platoon and company and the whole battallion, I just want to tell the whole world how good they are. It's a shame that you can't give each man over here a medal. The other night the VC hit us with two battalions. They were supposed to overrun us at any cost. It cost them plenty. They hit us at 1:00 a.m. and the smoke didn't clear until 7:00 p.m. They used everything they had, mortars, rockets and flame throwers, and all kinds of automatic weapons including 50 cal. machine guns.

When we counted bodies that morning, we had killed 203 with small arms, captured 6, and had 61 killed by air strikes. General Abrams has already been out to see us. General Hayes was here and sent a special hand-written letter to us. General Westmoreland is coming today. Everyone did a tremendous job, that's why we have such a good army. They all know their jobs and do them. I know that this isn't the proper kind of letter to write, but I wanted to let you know what kind of people we have over here.

As always,
Lt. Thomas Taylor, Co. D, 18th Inf.

This letter received by a member of Huaco Tribe No. 48 of Waco, Texas. The Tribe sent a special citation to this officer and his gallant men.

NEW TRIBES AND COUNCILS

New Tribes and Councils provide new blood so necessary to the growth of this Order. We congratulate the following Tribes and Councils that were instituted during 1967.

Antigo Tribe No. 179—Davenport, Iowa.
Apache Tribe No. 62—Bessemer City, N. C.
Tomahawk Tribe No. 28—Kilgore, Texas.
Choctaw Tribe No. 30—Port Arthur, Texas.
Tawakoni Tribe No. 20—Jacksonville, Texas.
Apache Council No. 50—Tazewell, Tenn.
Raritan Council No. 352—Staten Island, N.Y.
Nashua Tribe No. 62—Nashua, N. H.
Ogallala Tribe No. 10—Cleveland, Texas.
Nosesa Tribe No. 29—Nederland, Texas.
Cheyenne Tribe No. 31—Bridge City, Texas.
Blackfoot Tribe No. 24—Nitro, W. Va.
Wigwam Council No. 8—Skidmore, Texas.
Red Wing Council No. 19—Houston, Texas.
Ah-We-Na-Sa Council—Gardena, California.
Sacaj-Wea Council No. 94—Wichita, Kansas

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

(Answers to Questions on Page 7)

(1) The Great Council of the United States DOES NOT set the dates of the Reservation Great Councils. This is the prerogative of the individual Great Councils. These dates can be changed by amending the Reservation's General Laws.

(2) Sec. 3-3.02 of the General Laws gives full details in regards to bonds. The blanket bond is secured at a very low price and makes it mandatory that ALL Tribes and Councils be covered. The annual premium of $5.00 is a small price to pay for guaranteed security, even for those small Tribes and Councils with limited wampum belts.

(3) Sessions of the Great Council of the United States are planned four years in advance. In Buffalo, New York (1966) Baltimore, Maryland was elected as the site for the 1970 Great Council Sessions.

(4) Sec. 6-1.05 of the General Laws of the G.C.U.S. states in part: A subordinate branch shall never consist of less than seven members and shall kindle its council fire at least once a moon. However, may we caution you here that the General Laws of your own Reservation probably call for two or more council fires each month and in this situation, the General Laws of your Reservation would be binding.

(5) Sec. 5-6.03 of the General Laws of the G.C.U.S. states "Each Great Council may levy per capita taxes for the economical administration of its business." Therefore the per capita taxes of various Reservations vary depending on need. Each Reservation levies its own per capita rate, voted upon by its own voting membership, thus per capita taxes will vary from Reservation to Reservation.

(6) For the answer to this question, we will refer you to the General Laws of the G.C.U.S. Sec. 5-3.16 — "All Great Councils shall enact laws prohibiting subordinate branches of the Order under their jurisdiction from having, keeping, or permitting to be kept intoxicating liquors or beverages in the council chamber." Sec. 7-1.05 — "The use of vinous, spiritous or malt liquors as a beverage in the Council Chamber of the Tribe by the members thereof is strictly prohibited. Clubrooms may be maintained by the Tribes. Any member of the Tribe violating this section shall upon conviction, be suspended or expelled, and any Tribe violating this section shall have its charter suspended or revoked. The legal definition of "Council Chamber" as referred herein shall be construed to be that part of a building or structure, used by the Tribe to hold regularly constituted councils, or meetings, and then only from the time the council fire is kindled until the council fire is quenched."

WE SALUTE THE EDITORS

COMMUNICATION is the link between our membership. We congratulate the many EDITORS who issue bulletins and newsletters in the interests of their Tribes and Councils and for the benefit of this fraternity. We list herein just a few: Kentucky Red Men News, Tamal Speaking Leaf (Calif.), Council Fire News (Ohio), Tar Heel Indian (N.C.), G.C. of New Jersey News, Tuscarora Red Men News (N.Y.), Mosholu 523 (N.Y.), Wisps of Smoke (Calif.), Red Men Tribal News (Ohio), Rochester Red Men News (N.Y.), Hoosier Smoke Signals (Ind.), Wigwam Wispers (N.Y.), Eastern Shore News (Md.), Tom-Tom (Calif.).

THANKS One and All. We will list more in the next issue.

THE INDIAN'S PRAYER

(This is a prayer of an humble Indian who loved his God. His name, Chief Yellow Lark. It is said to be his New Year's Prayer.)

O Great Spirit, whose voice I hear in the winds, and whose breath gives life to all the world, hear me. I come before you, one of your many children, I am small and weak. I need your strength and wisdom.

Let me walk in beauty and may my eyes behold the red and purple sunset.

Make my hands respect the things that you have made, my ears be sharp to hear your voice. Make me wise, so that I may know the things you have taught my people, the lesson you have hidden in every leaf and rock.

I seek strength not to be superior to my brothers but to be able to fight my greatest enemy; myself. Make me ever ready to come to you with clean hands and a straight eye, so that when life fades as the fading sunset, my spirit may come to you without shame.

O Great Spirit, Maker of Men, forbid that I judge any man, until I have Walked two moons in his moccasins.

This article courtesy of Chaplain Dow Heard, D.D., Houston, Texas.

PUBLICITY

Samoset Tribe No. 22 of Vallejo, California was the originator of a resolution introduced at California's Great Council Sessions. This resolution supported President Lyndon B. Johnson and our Government's policy in Vietnam against aggression and communism. Much publicity resulted from the presentation of this resolution and it indeed strengthened our Order's position in reference to the No. 1 topic in America today. This photograph shows the resolution being presented to Senator Luther E. Gibson and Rep. Robert L. Leggett, both of whom are members of Samoset Tribe. In picture (left to right) Charles Wallace, Public Relations; Great Sachem John Miniaci; Senator Gibson; Representative Leggett, and Frank Armstrong, Great Prophet.

DOWN MEMORY LANE

WARREN G. HARDING ADOPTED

On June 20, 1921, the Great Incohonee John E. Sedwich issued a dispensation to the Board of Great Chiefs authorizing them to proceed to the city of Washington, D.C. and there to confer the All-American Degree upon President Warren G. Harding, who had been duly elected to membership in Yosemite Tribe No. 103 of San Francisco, California. So on July 7, 1921, a party of thirty-one members visited the President at the White House, led by the Great Chiefs of the G.C.U.S. There with due solemnity, all three degrees were conferred upon the President of the United States.

Of course, none but members were permitted to witness the Degree Work, even the President's personal assistants were required to retire beyond the wickets. The degree party consisted of the Board of Great Chiefs, Past Great Incohonees and Chiefs' Degree Members, including among the latter eleven United States Senators and members of the House of Representatives. Each brother present realized that an event of importance was being enacted, while the President's quiet and grave demeanor evidenced feelings of profound respect for the beautiful but serious lessons so full of meaning, contained in the ritual of the Improved Order of Red Men.

This was the first time on recond that any Fraternal Order had conferred adoption degrees at the White House.

This past summer, Great Incohonee Larry Heringer, accompanied by the Great Sachem of Ohio, William Toeppe, and the Great Junior Sagamore Gary Sontag, placed a memorial wreath on the HARDING MEMORIAL located at Marion, Ohio, as a tribute to a Great American President, and former member.

INDIAN ARTIFACTS

Huaco Tribe No. 48 of Waco, Texas has started a collection of Indian Artifacts which they hope will some day develop into a small museum. Their most prized possessions are a quiver and a set of arrows made by the Apaches over 120 years ago; a pair of moccasins made by the wife of Chief Cochise in 1875; and an ivory tomahawk made by the Alaskan Indians. These items were presented to the Tribe by John L. Howley, Past Great Incohonee. Huaco Tribe will welcome any additional gifts to preserve in their future museum and will guarantee their preservation for posterity.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Thousands of our members have again this year participated in our CHRISTMAS CARD Program. If you have not forwarded your $2.00 for this year's assortment of Christmas Cards, then you have forgotten the most important and meaningful gift of all. Your participation in this program enables us to continue to support our many programs of assistance and community affairs. Thousands are enjoying their bonus for participation, a year's FREE subscription to this magazine. If you have not made your remittance, you may either return the cards or send your $2.00 at once so that we might close out another successful year on our Christmas Card Program.

A MEMORIAL

The Reservation of Pennsylvania has announced plans for an Annual Memorial Program to be held at the Faith of Our Fathers Chapel at the Freedoms Foundation Center, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. The FIRST of these annual programs has been planned for Saturday, March 23, 1968, at 3:00 p.m.

Tenative plans call for Memorial Services in the Chapel at 3:00 p.m. followed by the laying of a wreath at the cornerstone. We know that Pennsylvania will work up an impressive program in keeping with the occasion. An evening program will follow, to be held at the George Washington Motel, at King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, which is about six miles from the Freedoms Foundation Center. The evening program will start at 8:00 p.m. and, among other things, will consist of degree work by Hiro Tribe No. 309 of Philadelphia. A presentation will be made to Dr. Kenneth Wells, President of Freedoms Foundation, making him an Honorary Member of the Improved Order of Red Men. After the planned program, an open house will be held with refreshments and dancing. The committee promises a good time for all. ALL MEMBERS of both branches of the Order are cordially invited to attend, from ALL Reservations. For further details, write to Matthew Schlitter, G.C.R., 1436 Belfield Ave., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19140.

A SUCCESS STORY

Saratoga Tribe No. 26 of the Improved Order of Red Men was instituted just three months ago at Galveston, Texas. Just as we were about ready to go to press, we received a publicity write-up from them, complete with newspaper photo, etc. The picture showed Nick Gulis, Sachem of the Tribe, presenting a check to Arthur Trimarchi, treasurer of the Galveston Boys Club, as Rev. Charles Anastassiou, club chaplain, looks on. Saratoga Tribe plans to sponsor various activities for the Boys Club during the year and have pledged to contribute to the Boys Club program every three months.

> Congratulations to Saratoga Tribe, who in three months have already made a name for themselves in their city. Look for this progressive Tribe to GROW and prosper.

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